

EXAMINER'S COMMENT/AMENDMENT/REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This office action is in response to amendment filed on 1/20/12. Claims 1-23 are now pending in the application.
2. In view of the amendment and arguments, all rejections set forth in the office action dated 7/15/09 are withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David Zdume on 4/13/12.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 7, add at the end of the claim after the phrase "b is an integer from 1 to 10", the phrase "and n is an integer".

Reasons For Allowance

4. Claims 1-23 are allowed.

5. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The presently cited claims are allowable over prior art of record to Klee et al. (US 6,812,866) and Mozner et al. (US 6,172,131).

The cited references are directed to dental adhesives comprising phosphoric acid-containing polymerizable monomers. However, the references fail to disclose monomers that fall with the scope of presently recited in claim 1. Therefore, the presently claimed invention is deemed allowable over closest prior art of record as per said art neither anticipating nor rendering obvious, alone or in combination, the presently claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satya Sastri at (571) 272 1112. The examiner can be reached on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7AM-5.30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. David Wu can be reached on 571-272-1114.

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/Satya B Sastri/

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